Making Tomorrow's World ===

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NOT PEACE, BUT A SWORD

Europe was of the Italian peninsula and of the island of Sicily, where Mes- 907 and the French 63,596 men. sins, earthquake-overwhelmed, yet lies in ruins. Three Italian war vessels lay at anchor in the southernmost harbor. Coming to the coast of Africa at Port Said, Egypt, northern gateway to the Suez canal, the tremendous contribution to the prosperity of peace, which the Frenchman DeLesseps gave to the world, the first objects seen were a dozen battleships of a French Mediterranean fleet. Thus runs the European continent to naval display and all the expenditure that it makes necessary. Blocking the path of progress by water is the battleship, barring the highway to prosperity upon land the army stands and even the air is heavy with the shadows of war balloons driven to and fro above the earth. Europe is an armed camp and the seas around are roadsteads for the navies of many nations.

Europe's War Fever.

"Shall we permit the Mediterranean sea to be a French lake?" says an Italian cabinet minister, and he pre- the first resort of thieves. sents to the new chamber of deputies a bill for \$20,000,000 for naval construction, four superdreadnaughts of here the owner of coal mines-and, 28,000 tons each. "We must not be more recently, since oil is used for eclipsed by Germany," declares the fuel, the owner of oil properties—is, French minister of war, and promptly in various ways and for his own perthe senators and deputies, amid fer-sonal ends, a realous advocate of more vent appeals to national patriotism, and bigger ships. A dreadnaught enact into law a measure providing burns 40 tons of best coal every hour. for three years, instead of two years. British landlords draw royalty of 30 of compulsory military service. In cents a ton for coal mined Every Berlin a Zeppelin airship, built avow. British dreadnaught in use, therefore, edly for military use, explodes, killing | means \$200 a day to the owner of the many persons. The war lord gives a coal royalty. military funeral with high honors to the dead, sends another airship to float above the capital that all may Hardie, the British labor leader, "some see and orders others to be construct- of the peers and their friends in the ed with all possible speed. The fever house of commons are so keen to inish struggle between European nations crease the navy!" Perhaps, also, it is for the largest and strongest army one reason why the nobly eloquent and navy shows itself in the articles appeal for a year's naval holiday of

Aden, Arabia.—Steaming across the low 45,000 in 1908, and are now 54,643. Mediterranean sea, the latest view of The British navy numbers 146,000, the German 73,176, the Upited States 67,-

> Profits in Armament and Coal. The Krupp trials in Germany show to what lengths in bribery the great armament firm at Essen, through its directors and managers, went in order to obtain contracts from the German government. Indictments were found against the Krupp officers and agents. in the reichstag, by Liebknecht, a Soto be in naval expenditure argument

But war vessels must be operated and maintained as well as built-and

The "Naval Holiday" Proposal.

"Perhaps that is why," said Keir

German Battleship in Harbor.

for lack of opportunity to live.

sometimes as in Germany with impewhich will support larger appropria- press. tions. The press is used, whenever possible, to give publicity to argutional pride by statements, often un- quite simple. Next year-apart from in purple and fine linen and fare true, as to what other nations are the Canadian ships or their equivalent, sumptuously every day? One meets doing or intend to do.

Staggering Cost of Navies.

which the taxpayers of the nations of four great ships to Germany's two. in cathedral and chapel, in monasters the world permit themselves to be Now we say to Germany: 'If you will and mission house, which, increasfined for their navies are staggering, put off beginning to build your two ingly potent and numerous, pleads to The naval expert of the London Daily ships for 12 months, we will put off peace and spiritual, as opposed Telegraph-all great journals of Eu- in absolute good faith the building of merely temporal, things. Almost only in the pay of the journal—fur. period." That would mean a comelers who look below the surface, who nished the figures showing the total plete holiday for one year as far as naval expenditure for 1904-5 and the total voted for 1913-14 by the princi- many were concerned. He recognized that the spiritual forces are reasserpal nations of the world. They show these expenditures:

	1904-5.	1913-14.	1
Great Britain \$205,310,375		\$235,108,180	1
United States.	100,901,550	147,494,335	1
Russia	59,749,530	121,247,270	1
Germany	50,520,000	115,196,920	
France	61,912,165	102,238,815	1
Italy	25,000,000	50,789,230	3
Japan	16,510,740	49,304,060	1
Austria-			4
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In the cases of Great Britain, the tries that would agree to such a pro- an American journalist, granted an a United States, Russia. Germany, posal just as great and just as sound France and Japan, the totals this year as if they built all ships as at pres- old gentleman who is the head of the are the highest recorded. The figures ent designed. Scores of millions for the personnel are also the highest would be rescued for the progress of on the list, with the exception of those | mankind." of Russia, which, after being about Mr. Churchill said he was quite im- things and refrain from war; wars

in the press, in the debates in parlia. Winston Churchill. Great Britain's ment, in the talk in the street, in the first lord of the admiralty, an office uniforms on the roadways, in the corresponding to that of secretary of ships on the sea. And in order to give the navy held in President Wilson's himself war-fever, which keeps him cabinet by the distinguished American exhausted for other and better things, journalist, Josephus Daniels, fell, in the European patient taxes himself to many high European quarters, on deaf aif almost incredible amount. He pays | ears. Mr. Churchill's words are worth his money for an irritant unto trouble while quoting again and again, bethe while social progress lags and cause, however apparently ineffective men and women and children suffer they are for the moment, they mark the beginning of a revolt among Upon the navy is today's largest ex- statesmen against the enormous ex- Christ came into this world to bringpenditure. Navy leagues are formed, penditures for navy and army that is growing to large proportions all over rial patronage, in order to stimulate Europe, however concealed or belittled interest and create a public opinion by the so-called "patriotic" or "jingo"

"The proposal I put forward in the apart from anything that may be re- and hears them in all European lands quired by any development in the The figures showing the extent to Mediterranean-we shall lay down the church, in mosque and synagogubig ships for Great Britain and Ger- leaders of the European peoples, ag it would not be possible for either ing themselves in a surprising wa-Germany or Great Britain to do this, and that, despite the blatant material unless other great powers agreed to ism of the European world of today do likewise. "If such arrangements the world of tomorrow is to be madwere reached, it could only be by by and for the things of the spiragreement contingent upon the result In this fact lies large hope for the of negotiations with other great pow- advocates of peace and human brot ers. But supposing Great Britain and Germany took the lead, do you not the war-drum he who listens no think there would be a good prospect of success? At the end of the year mightlest of the spiritual leaders Hungary ... 13,077,300 30,022,735 you would have all these great coun- Europe is his holiness, the pope.

be raised by the great armament firms of England and other countries. "They must be the servants," he said, "and not the masters. Some people will try to involve by suggestion the naval expenditure in a cloud of suspicion. Let them mock. I am convinced that a reduction of naval expenditure is necessary for the welfare of civilization. It is a question that does not only affect governments and diplomats but concerns parliaments and the people. We must not be discouraged by a want of success. The time will come when the present expenditure and competition in naval armaments will be a thing of the past and when the great naval powers will look back upon it with feelings of regret." The significance of these words in the making of a different world tomorrow comes from the fact that they are the carefully-considered utterance of the head of the navy of the greatest sea power in the world.

Finance Against Increased Armament Other forces are being brought to bear, though as yet vainly, in favor of limitation of naval expenditure. Some-a larger number than the ordilargely in consequence of revelations mary news-reports of the day indicate ferred to determine the feasibility and -a number, too, that is growing in cial Democrat. They were charged extent and influence, would substitute with bribing members of the military a peace policy for arbitration by the and naval establishment between 1903 sword and thus make unnecessary, ex- bank president, who recently lodged and 1913 and the disclosures at the cept for police duty, the army and the trial proved their guilt. More than navy. Among the "pacifists," as the this, however, these disclosures gave, advocates of world peace are depublicity to the enormous profits de scribed, it is interesting to Americans rived by the Krupp concern and to note that the European press class showed where the fines from the tax- Woodrow Wilson, the president of payers' pockets went. The result is the United States, and Champ Clark, to strengthen the cause of the advo- the speaker of the house of represencates of disarmament. Patriotism, tatives. In Europe the financial interwhich bluff old Doctor Johnson called ests of the continent have been more the last refuge of scoundrels, is shown effective than the effiquent advocates of peace in preventing war. It is an open secret that two years ago these financial interests averted a general war on the continent. They are now becoming aroused to the evils resulting from "the mad rush of increasing

Disarmament Sentiment Growing.

armaments."

Sentiment on the continent of Europe is changing toward a saner policy of disarmament and of arbitration as opposed to increasing military establishments and appeals to the sword though this sentiment has not yet been able to express itself in political international agreements and legislation. The repeated strife in the Balkans is only an apparent exception in the general trend. The raw, undisciplined peoples of the mountains set their neighbors' houses on fire. That the conflagration spread no farther was due to the self-restraint of more civilized Europe and to a sentiment for peace, which was non-existent a few years ago. All this must be written with some reservation. The millenium of peace and international good will is not imminent, but, notwithstanding the portentous figures of expense which have been quoted, there are signs of the dawn. Supremely suggestive, perhaps, is the behavior of European nations in recent crises of international disagreement. Fifty years ago, twenty years, possibly ten years ago, these crises would have resulted in war. Today they have been settled by conference. The recent treatles have been written with the pen and not the sword. They smell of tobacco smoke, not powdet And not what a man says when nothing is happening to him reveals his real self so much as what he does when something is happening to him least one year. It is the fourteenth And nations, which are but collections of Secretary Bryan's peace treaties. unto them. They are many men, but with the same mind.

Church Influence for Peace.

The powerful aid of the spiritual group of the church in Europe is cast for disarmament and peace. The church exists under many names and with doctrines and deeds much at variance. Set aside the large section of a so-called Christian church which drills soldiers in Ulster, inspires bloodritual persecutions in Russia, blesses statues to Moloch in Germany, and worships Mars and Mercury, militarism and commerce, everywhere. Unto these who call themselves Christians Jehovah is a man of war and the not peace-but a sword. They, for consideration of temporal power and afternoon teas and fat livings, are helping him to this end all over this continent of Europe. Verily, they have their reward. Are they not chapname of the British government," said lains-in-ordinary to Mars at a good ments for more ships and to stir na- Mr. Churchill, "for a naval holiday is stipend which enables them to dress

It is another and different group in go in and out among the religious erhood. Even amid the throbbing hear "the still, small voice." Th dience at the Vatican, said the kindi great Catholic church: "I hope that your great nation will spend its time in strengthening itself in all good 70,000 in 1904 and 1905, dropped be- pervious to the objections that would are fatal to the progress of markind."

Congressional Notes

The greatest and probably the most important legislative battle of the Wilson administration began in the house with the submission of a special rule limiting debate to 20 hours and prohibiting amendments to the Sims bill repealing the provisions of the Panama canal act allowing free passage to American coastwise ships. It was discussed in heated debate for two hours, when the house adjourned.

After many days of debate, the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, carrying an agg cgate of \$43,400,000. was passed by the house without substantial amendment. The measure now goes to the senate.

Secretary Daniels favors Senator Weeks proposal to have a line of fast naval cruisers carry mails, passengers and freight between the United States and S on American ports. They concost o' such a plan.

H. Cooper, a Washington charge at the White House against Justic Daniel T. Wright of the district supreme court, was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of crimi-

After the senate had passed a bill to revalate trading in cotton futures, Senator Kenyon, who, with others, had misunderstood an amendment to legal pooling operations, moved for a reconsideration and paved the way for respending the fight on the meas-

The Bill to restore Capt. Templia M. Posts to the active list of the navy and momote him to be a rear admiral ullied by the senate naval affairs committee Capt. Potts was "plucked" on the eve of his promotion, and several aval officers of note testified that his case was an exceptional one.

A bill proposing to lease or sell to the Republic Coal company, a subsidiary of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, reserved coal rights on approximately 2,000 acres of Montana lands was beaten in the senate by a vote of 28 for and 27 against. The measure has been under discussion for three days.

Plans for concluding the congressional investigation of conditions in the Michigan copper strike district were made by the sub-committee of the house mines committee

The schale lobby committee changed its plans at the last moment and postponed further inquiry into the affected activities of C Knight, a Washington lawyer in connection with the passage of the Panuma tolls law

A new treaty has been signed between the United States and Venezuela, by which all questions not capable of settlement by diplomacy shall be submitted to investigation by an international commission for at

President Wilson made known again, in response to an inquiry, that he felt no particular interest in the -tock exchange legislation pending in

Investigations of various sorts conducted by the United States senate etween Feb. 9, 1910, and March 13, 1914, cost the government \$153.514.72.

In its bill providing for the exenditures of the postoffice department for the next fiscal year no provision has been made to compensate the railroads for carrying the parcel post, although the bill is based on estimates that the parcel post will bandle 606,000 000 packages during the year, vielding a revenue of \$60,000,000 to the postoffice depart

It is anticipated that Franklin P. Lane secretary of interior will appoint a commission of three civil engineers to locate the route for the government's railroad in Alaska or to make a general survey.

Wages of farm laborers have increased more rapidly than those of the city workman during the last 20 years, a department of agriculture investigation has revealed. During the last year the pay of the farm hands increased 21 per cent. The increase has been 11 per cent in the last four years and 56 per cent since 1906.

The Only Time. Wife-"Do you love me still, dear?" Hub-"Why, yes; but you're never

Secretary Bryan, who was before the foreign relations committee, was told in effect that he could not hope to have the committee report favorably for ratification the Danish arbitration treaty unless it was materially

Trust legislation again was considered by the senate committee on interstate commerce and it was apnonneed later that regulations of holding companies was the only feature apon which agreement had not been

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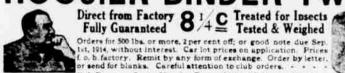
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